GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:676
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FLIGHT TO COCHIN
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from any foreign airlines company/companies to operate flights to Cochin International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have denied permission to any foreign airline to operate flights to Cochin International Airport;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the reason in delay for clearing the proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): Oman Air, Kuwait Airways, Gulf Air, Sri Lankan Airlines, Qatar Airways, Emirates, Saudia, Singapore Airlines and Yemen Airways have expressed interest to operate services to/from Cochin. The Government of India has agreed to grant Cochin as a point of call in lieu of Chennai to Saudia as requested by them. A commitment has also been given to grant Trivandrum or Cochin as a point of call to Emirates by September, 2002. The other requests are still under consideration.